

United States District Court

For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

*In re Malibu Media BitTorrent Copyright
Infringement Litigation*

No. C 16-05737 WHA
No. C 16-05738 WHA
No. C 16-05739 WHA
No. C 16-05823 WHA
No. C 16-05824 WHA
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No. C 16-05843 WHA
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No. C 16-05855 WHA
No. C 16-05920 WHA
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No. C 16-06106 WHA
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No. C 16-06108 WHA
No. C 16-06109 WHA
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No. C 16-06111 WHA
No. C 16-06112 WHA
No. C 16-06141 WHA

No. C 16-06143 WHA
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No. C 16-06147 WHA
No. C 16-06155 WHA
No. C 16-06160 WHA
No. C 16-06239 WHA
No. C 16-06240 WHA
No. C 16-06241 WHA
No. C 16-06242 WHA
No. C 16-06243 WHA
No. C 16-06245 WHA
No. C 16-06247 WHA
No. C 16-06249 WHA

**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS
FOR LEAVE TO SERVE A
THIRD-PARTY SUBPOENA**

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In each of the above-captioned cases, plaintiff Malibu Media, LLC, seeks leave to serve a third-party subpoena on the defendant's Internet service provider for the purpose of obtaining each defendant's personal information, since the defendants are currently only identifiable by the Internet Protocol address of the connection used to commit the alleged infringement. Malibu Media then looked up each defendant's IP address in a database maintained at maxmind.com to determine the location of the given IP address and the service provider that assigned that IP address. Plaintiff's counsel filed a sworn declaration averring "from the lawsuits Malibu Media has filed in California, Maxmind's geolocation data has always been 100% accurate to the state level, 100% accurate at identifying the ISP and has predicted the correct district 146 out of 147 times" (Mosesi Decl. ¶ 15). Attorney Mosesi appended an spreadsheet to back up that data, but the spreadsheet omitted dozens of cases filed in this district alone.

It appears those cases were omitted because Malibu Media never received a response from the Internet service provider in those cases, but the failure to address so many cases in this


1 district (and presumably elsewhere in California) casts significant doubt on counsel's personal
2 knowledge of the accuracy of the Maxmind database. Maxmind's own statements of its
3 accuracy, restated in counsel's declaration, are hearsay. Malibu Media has failed to provide
4 sworn evidence to support the reliability of the Maxmind database, which is necessary to show
5 that this Court has personal jurisdiction over each of the defendants and that venue is proper
6 here. Accordingly, Malibu Media's motions are **DENIED**.

7 This is without prejudice to a renewed motion supported by a sworn accounting of the
8 accuracy of Maxmind (or some other database) for each and every case filed by Malibu Media
9 in this district.

10 Counsel is directed *not* to lodge chambers copies of any new motions to serve a third-
11 party subpoena.

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13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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15 Dated: December 1, 2016.

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17 WILLIAM ALSUP
18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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